

**GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT**

CAF& CS Department - Telangana State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission – Consumer Protection Act '2019 - Removal of Sri Kolla Ranga Rao from the post of Member (Judicial), office of the Telangana State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, Hyderabad - Orders – Issued.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & CIVIL SUPPLIES (CS.I.RC) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 21

Dated: 01-07-2023

Read the following

1. Consumer Protection Act,2019.
2. G.O.Ms.No.14, CA,F&CS Dept., dated 23.10.2021.
3. G.O.Rt.No.9, CAF&CS (CS-I-RC) dept, Dt.17.2.2022
4. From the DOCAR, TSCDRC, Lr.Roc.No.56/2022/TSCDRC/ADMN/ dt.16.3.2022, along with antecedents verification Report dt.9.3.2022.
5. G.O.Rt.No.36, CAF&CS (CS-I-RC) dept, Dt.2.7.2022
- 6.Orders dt.6.7.2022 of Hon'ble High Court in W.P.No.28131/2022 filed by Sri Kolla Ranga Rao.
- 7.Government Memo.No.525/CS.I.RC/2022, dt:19.7.2022.
- 8.Explanation dt.19.7.2022 & 20.7.2022 of Sri. Kolla Ranga Rao, Member (Judicial),TSCDRC, Hyd., to the Show cause Notice.
- 9.G.O.Rt.No.49, CAF&CS (CS-I-RC) dept, Dt.27.10.2022.
- 10.Orders dt.15.11.2022 of Hon'ble High Court in WP.No.40480/2022 filed by Sri Kolla Ranga Rao.
11. From the DOCAR, TSCDRC, Hyd., Lr. Roc.No.18/2022/TSCDRC/ ADMN/dt.6.1.2023, along with Repn.dt.13.12.2022 of Sri K.Ranga Rao.
- 12.Repn dt.3.2.2023 of Sri K.Ranga Rao, Member(Judl), TSCDRC, Hyd.

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In the G.O.3rd read above, Sri Kolla Ranga Rao, has been appointed as Member (Judicial) in Telangana State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, Hyderabad, duly following the procedure contemplated under Consumer Protection (Qualification for appointment, method of recruitment, procedure of appointment, term of office, resignation and removal of the President and members of the State Commission and District Commission) Rules,2020, vide G.O.2nd read above, subject to certain conditions mentioned therein and also his appointment is subject to verification of his Antecedents in due course and also stated that the member shall be removed from service if any discrepancy is noticed regarding submission of wrong certificates or any grounds mentioned in Rules 8 & 9 of Consumer Protection (Qualification for appointment, method of recruitment, procedure of appointment, term of office, resignation and removal of the President and members of the State Commission and District Commission) Rules'2020 and he was joined duty on 18.2.2022.

2. Later, in the antecedents verification report submitted by the competent authority received through the representation 4th read above wherein have adversely reported against Sri.Kolla Ranga Rao, Member(Judicial) stating that he is awfully corrupt, heavy drinker, further, while he was working as XII Addl. District and Sessions Judge, Vikarabad, he indulged in corrupt activities and on the complaint of Bar Association, he was suspended by the Hon'ble High Court in the year 2018, subsequently, he was given compulsory retirement by the Hon'ble High Court in March,2019 etc.,. In view of the above, his candidature for the post of Member(Judicial) Telangana State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, Hyderabad is not suitable. Therefore, based on the adverse antecedents his appointment was cancelled by the Government vide G.O. 5th read above.

3. Aggrieved to above he has approached the Hon'ble High Court and filed WP.No.28131/2022, wherein the Hon'ble High Court vide orders dt:6.7.2022 have directed the Government respondent to treat the said G.O.Rt.No.36, CAF&CS (CS-I-RC) department, Dt.2.7.2022, as show cause notice and on receipt of reply of the petitioner to pass such orders may be deemed fit and proper in accordance with Law in conformity with the principal of natural justice. Accordingly, the Show Cause Notice, along with antecedents verification report were communicated to Sri Kolla Ranga Rao, Member (Judicial), through the Designated Officer -Cum- Assistant Registrar, TSCDRC, Hyderabad vide reference 7th read above.

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4. Further, on receipt of reply to the show cause notice from Sri Kolla Ranga Rao, Member (Judicial), TSCDRC, Hyderabad, vide references 8th read above, Government after examining the matter and having not satisfied with his explanation have again cancelled his appointment as Member (Judicial), TSCDRC in the G.O.9th read above.

5. Aggrieved to above, Sri K.Ranga Rao, has again approached the Hon'ble High Court and filed Writ petition No.40480/2022. The Hon'ble High court vide orders dt:15.11.2022 have set aside the cancellation orders issued vide G.O.9th read above and directed that the Government shall consider the explanation offered by the petitioner and if the explanation offered by the petitioner is not acceptable, the competent authority shall assign reasons as to why the explanation offered by the petitioner is not acceptable and to pass appropriate orders. Therefore, Sri K.Ranga Rao, while enclosing a copy of the orders dt:15.11.2022 has submitted his further representations 11th & 12th read above.

6. Sri Kolla Ranga Rao, Member (Judicial), in his representations 8th, 11th and 12th read above in reply to the show cause notice issued on him has contended that in the antecedents verification report of Intelligence department have stated that the Hon'ble High Court have conducted enquiry and the charges were proved against him is false/ incorrect and are motivated at the instance of some interested persons. In fact, there was no charge against him for any corrupt practices and the only charge against him was that he did not make available copies of judgments after pronouncing them while he was working as XII Addl. District & Sessions Judge at Vikarabad and no disciplinary enquiry pursuant to charges was conducted against him nor any charges were proved and dropped all further proceedings at threshold itself vide Order ROC No. 2984/2017, 1060, 1083 & 1100/2018-Vigilance Cell, dated 13.02.2020 of the Hon'ble High Court and hence the allegation of corruption against him is false.

7. Sri Kolla Ranga Rao has further stated that, while he was under suspension w.e.f 18.4.2018 has been given compulsory retirement on attaining the age of 58 years, vide G.O.Ms.No.17, Law (LA&J-Spl.B) department, dt:29.3.2019. In this regard, while quoting certain citations of law he has stated that the suspension is not a punishment, which is merely suspending the relationship between the employer and an employee. Further, an order of compulsory retirement is not a punishment. It implies no stigma nor any suggestion of misbehavior and also the Administrative Judges were certified his judicial work, character and conduct as satisfactory, good and very good in the Annual Confidential Reports (ACRs). Hence, the said grounds are not tenable for cancellation of his appointment treating as bad antecedents and therefore requested to withdraw the show cause notice and to continue him as Member(Judicial), TSCDRC, Hyderabad, till completion of his tenure.

8. Government after careful examination of the issue in-detail and also having considered his explanation have observed that the appointment of Sri Kolla Ranga Rao, Member (Judicial) issued vide G.O.3rd read above are mere provisional, subject to condition that the antecedents verification report received from the Competent authority should be clean and without any adverse remarks against him. But, the adverse remarks mentioned against him in the antecedents verification report are serious in nature. Also, the explanation submitted by him in the representations 8th, 11th and 12th read above against the show case notice issued on him are not convincing and commensurate with the adverse remarks mentioned in the antecedent verification report. Moreover, while he was in-service had faced departmental proceedings and were dropped after his compulsory retirement on attaining the age of 58 years only and on that ground he cannot claim that his character and antecedents are clean and suitable for the post of Member (Judicial) in TSCDRC, Hyderabad.

9. Therefore, keeping in view of the above reasons, Government have decided for removal of Sri Kolla Ranga Rao, from the post of Member (Judicial), Telangana State Disputes Redressal Commission and to terminate his appointment orders issued vide G.O. 3rd read above, with immediate effect, as the individual is ineligible on the ground of his antecedents for being a Member (Judicial) of TSCDRC, Hyderabad.

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10. Accordingly, Government hereby remove the individual Sri Kolla Ranga Rao, from the post of Member (Judicial), office of the Telangana State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, Hyderabad and also terminated his appointment issued in the G.O. 3rd read above, with immediate effect.

11. The President / Designated Officer-cum-Assistant Registrar, Telangana State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, Hyderabad, shall take necessary action in the matter.

12. The appended Notification shall be published in Telangana Gazette.

13. The Commissioner, Printing, Stationery and Stores Purchase, Telangana, Hyderabad, shall publish the notification in the next extraordinary issue of the Telangana Gazette.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

**V. ANIL KUMAR
EX-OFFICIO SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To

Sri Kolla Ranga Rao, Member(Judicial), Telangana State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, Hyderabad.

The President, TSCDRC, Hyderabad.

The Designated Officer-cum-Asst.Registrar, TSCDRC, Hyderabad.

The Commissioner of Printing, Stationery and Stores Purchase, Hyderabad.

(He is requested to publish the notification in the extraordinary issue of the Telangana Gazette and requested to send 100 copies to this department, immediately)

The Registrar General, High Court for the State of Telangana.

The Secretary, Law Department, Telangana Secretariat.

The Chief Secretary to Government, TS, Telangana.

Copy to:

The District Collector, Hyderabad District.

The Accountant General, Telangana, Hyderabad.

The Director of Treasury and Accounts, Telangana, Hyderabad.

The Pay and Accounts Officer, Abids, Hyderabad.

P.S.to E.O.Secretary to Government, CA,F&CS Dept., Hyderabad

P.S. to Hon'ble Minister (BCW & Civil Supplies).

The OSD to Secretary Chief Minister.

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// FORWARDED BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER

(ANNEXURE TO G.O.RT.No.21, CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & CIVIL SUPPLIES (CS.I.RC) DEPARTMENT DATED. 1.7.2023)

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred under Rule 8 read with rule 6 of the Consumer Protection (Qualification for appointment method of recruitment, procedure of appointment, term of office, resignation and removal of the President and Members of the State Commission and District Commission) Rules,2020, Government hereby removed Sri Kolla Ranga Rao, from the post of Member (Judicial), office of the Telangana State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, Hyderabad and also terminated his appointment issued vide G.O.Rt.No.9, CA,F&CS(CS.I-RC) dept., dt.17.2.2022, with immediate effect.

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